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of great use to practising lawyers as well as to students. The absence of head-notes to the cases may be a drawback in the eyes of the former; but such an omission is necessary to insure a careful study of the cases in class, and it is for use in class that the book was written. It is most admirably adapted to this special purpose. For the greater part, Professor Gray's "Cases on Property" have been taken as the model in type, binding, and general appearance; but by having special paper made, Professor Thayer has been enabled to compress into a single serviceable volume far more pages. From the Law School point of view, he is entitled to more gratitude than men in future classes will be likely to realize; and this will probably not be confined to Cambridge, for the book is already announced as required for the course in Evidence at Columbia.

J. M. N.

THE LAW OF CONTRACTS IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE. By George Stuart Patterson, Fellow in the Department of Law of the University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1891. pp. 70.

This useful little monograph is uniform in make up with "The Federal Power over Commerce," by Mr. W. D. Lewis, issued from the same Press, which the Review had occasion last spring to praise very highly. Like his associate, Mr. Patterson has done a scholarly piece of work, and has rendered the profession a service by bringing together, mainly in chronological order, all the reported cases on this extremely important and growing subject. If one were to criticise him, one would suggest that a little more pains might have been well spent upon his English, and that upon a topic so unsettled he could profitably have gone further in the direction of systematic criticism. He has given us a good, but not in the least a brilliant, piece of work.

P. S. A.

BALLARDS' ANNUAL ON THE LAW OF REAL PROPERTY, vol. i., 1892. By T. E. and Emerson E. Ballard. One volume. pp. 827. Crawfordsville, Ind.: Ballard & Ballard, 1892.

"The Annual" is not of the fish nor flesh nor fowl of legal literature. Something more than a digest, something less than a treatise, somewhat composed of reprints of cases, its purpose is each year to note and comment on the changes in the law of real property made by the three thousand cases (p. 7) annually decided on this subject by the courts of last resort, State and Federal.

The reports fill four fifths of the volume. The annotations, neither very full nor scholarly, will scarcely enhance the value of the work. The book is well indexed, and the compilation careful.

"The Annual" seems the natural child of the American Reports and the American Digest. It is another attempt to furnish easy handles to the mass of current reports, and as such is interesting to all interested in law. We hardly share the belief of the authors that their method of arrangement has solved this problem. The usefulness of the work will be, not to the student, but to the maker of briefs.

J. C.